

18:1956(h) [18:1956-4999.F] Engage in monetary transactions in or affecting interstate commerce from specified unlawful activity, mail and wire fraud.
(50)

18:1957, 2 and 3237 [18:1957-4700.F] Engage in monetary transaction in or affecting interstate commerce in criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000.00, mail and wire fraud.
(51-58)

18:1956(a)(1)(B)(i), 2 and 3237 [18:1956-4700.F] Laundering of monetary instruments.
(59-63)

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

Felony

Terminated Counts

None

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

Complaints

In Violation of T.18:1956(h) - Conspiracy to transport and transmit monetary instruments and funds from proceeds from unlawful activity [2:03-m -541]

Defendant

Lee Hope Thrasher (2)

represented by

Lawrence Hunter Woodward, Jr.
Shuttleworth Ruloff Giordano & Swain PC
4525 South Blvd
Suite 300
Virginia Beach, VA 23452-1137
(757) 671-6000
LEAD ATTORNEY
ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED
Designation: CJA Appointment

Pending Counts

Disposition

18:371 [18:1343.F] Conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. (date offense concluded 5.02) 18:982 and 21:853(p) Criminal Forfeiture.
(1)

18:1343 and 2 [18:1343.F] Wire fraud.
(2-19)

18:1342 and 2 [18:1342.F] Use of fictitious name.
(20-26)

18:1341 and 2 [18:1341.F] Mail fraud.
(27-49)

18:1956(h) [18:1956-4999.F] Engage in monetary transactions in or affecting interstate commerce from specified unlawful activity, mail and wire fraud.
(50)

18:1956(a)(1)(B)(i), 2 and 3237 [18:1956-4700.F] Laundering of monetary instruments.
(59-63)

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

Felony

Terminated Counts

Disposition

None

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

Complaints

Disposition

CONSPIRACY TO TRANSPORT AND TRANSMIT MONETARY INSTRUMENTS AND FUNDS IN THE UNITED STATES TO PLACES OUTSIDE THE UNITED

Plaintiff**USA**

represented by **Robert Joseph Seidel, Jr.**
 United States Attorney's Office
 101 W Main St
 Suite 8000
 Norfolk, VA 23510
 (757) 441-6331
LEAD ATTORNEY
ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

DATE FILED	DOCKET TEXT
09/30/2003	CRIMINAL COMPLAINT as to Lee Hope Thrasher [2:03-m -540] (clerk) (Entered: 10/01/2003)
09/30/2003	ARREST WARRANT issued as to Lee Hope Thrasher [2:03-m -540] (clerk) (Entered: 10/01/2003)
09/30/2003	CASE REFERRED to Magistrate Judge Tommy E. Miller [2:03-m -540] (clerk) (Entered: 10/01/2003)
09/30/2003	CRIMINAL COMPLAINT as to Howard Welsh [2:03-m -541] (arou) (Entered: 10/01/2003)
09/30/2003	ARREST WARRANT issued as to Howard Welsh and delivered to USM [2:03-m -541] (arou) (Entered: 10/01/2003)
02/28/2004	MOTION by USA as to Howard Welsh, Lee Hope Thrasher by USA for certified copy of arrest warrant (they) (Entered: 12/28/2004)
08/10/2004	INDICTMENT as to Howard Welsh (1) count(s) 1, 2-19, 20-26, 27-49, 50, 51-58, 59-63, Lee Hope Thrasher (2) count(s) 1, 2-19, 20-26, 27-49, 50, 59-63 (they) (Entered: 08/11/2004)
08/10/2004	CASE REFERRED to Mag Judge Tommy E. Miller (they) (Entered: 08/11/2004)
08/10/2004	ARREST WARRANT issued as to Howard Welsh (they) (Entered: 08/11/2004)
08/10/2004	ARREST WARRANT issued as to Lee Hope Thrasher (they) (Entered: 08/11/2004)
12/23/2004	MOTION with Memorandum in Support as to Howard Welsh, Lee Hope Thrasher by USA for post indictment restraining order (they) (Entered: 12/23/2004)
12/23/2004	ORDER as to Howard Welsh, Lee Hope Thrasher granting [3-1] motion by USA for post indictment restraining order as to Howard Welsh (1), Lee Hope Thrasher (2); ent. and filed 12/23/04 (Signed by Judge Rebecca B. Smith) Copies Mailed: 12/23/04 (they) (Entered: 12/27/2004)
12/28/2004	ORDER as to Howard Welsh, Lee Hope Thrasher granting [5-1] motion by USA for certified copy of arrest warrant as to Howard Welsh (1), Lee Hope

	Thrasher (2); ent. and filed 12/27/04 (Signed by James E. Bradberry, USMJ) Copies Mailed: 12/27/04 (they) (Entered: 12/28/2004)
07/17/2006	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge F. Bradford Stillman : (Court Reporter FTR.)Rob Seidel, AUSA on behalf of USA, deft. present in custody, Initial Appearance as to Howard Welsh, deft. advised of rights, charges & right to counsel, counsel desired, Court DIRECTED appointment of counsel, Detention Hearing set for 7/20/2006 02:00 PM before Magistrate Judge F. Bradford Stillman. Deft. remanded to custody of USM, Govt. will not proceed on counts 50-63, Forfeiture Count remains. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/17/2006)
07/17/2006	Arrest Warrant Returned Executed on 07/14/06 as to Howard Welsh, filed in open court (ldab,) (Entered: 07/17/2006)
07/17/2006	MOTION for Detention and Argument by USA as to Howard Welsh. Filed in open court (ldab,) (Entered: 07/17/2006)
07/17/2006	ORDER OF TEMPORARY DETENTION as to Howard Welsh, filed in open court. (Signed by Judge F. Bradford Stillman) copies mailed on 07/17/06. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/17/2006)
07/17/2006	CJA 23 Financial Affidavit by Howard Welsh, filed in open court (ldab,) (Entered: 07/17/2006)
07/17/2006	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge F. Bradford Stillman : (Court Reporter FTR.)Rob Seidel, AUSA on behalf of USA, deft. present in custody, Initial Appearance as to Lee Hope Thrasher, deft. advised of rights, charges & right to counsel, counsel desired, Court DIRECTED appointment of counsel, Detention Hearing set for 7/20/2006 02:00 PM before Magistrate Judge F. Bradford Stillman. Deft. remanded to custody of USM, Govt. will not proceed on counts 50-63, Forfeiture Count remains. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/17/2006)
07/17/2006	Arrest Warrant Returned Executed on 07/14/06 in case as to Lee Hope Thrasher. Filed in open court. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/17/2006)
07/17/2006	MOTION for Detention and Argument by USA as to Lee Hope Thrasher. Filed in open court. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/17/2006)
07/17/2006	ORDER OF TEMPORARY DETENTION as to Lee Hope Thrasher, filed in open court. Detention Hearing set for 7/20/2006 02:00 PM before Magistrate Judge F. Bradford Stillman. (Signed by Judge F. Bradford Stillman) copies mailed on 07/17/06. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/17/2006)
07/17/2006	CJA 23 Financial Affidavit by Lee Hope Thrasher, filed in open court. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/17/2006)
07/18/2006	Set arraignment Hearing as to Howard Welsh: Arraignment set for 7/20/2006 02:00 PM before Magistrate Judge F. Bradford Stillman. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/18/2006)
07/18/2006	Set Arraignment Hearings as to Lee Hope Thrasher: Arraignment set for 7/20/2006 02:00 PM before Magistrate Judge F. Bradford Stillman. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/18/2006)
07/19/2006	CJA 20 as to Lee Hope Thrasher: Appointment of Attorney Lawrence Hunter Woodward, Jr for Lee Hope Thrasher. Entered 07/17/06 and filed 07/19/06. (Signed by Judge Rebecca Beach Smith) copies mailed on 07/20/06. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/20/2006)
07/19/2006	CJA 20 as to Howard Welsh: Appointment of Attorney Jeffrey A. Swartz for Howard Welsh. Entered 07/18/06 and filed 07/19/06. (Signed by Judge Rebecca Beach Smith) copies mailed on 07/20/06. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/20/2006)

	07/20/2006)
07/19/2006	Arrest Warrant Returned Executed on 07/14/06 in case as to Lee Hope Thrasher. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/20/2006)
07/20/2006	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge F. Bradford Stillman : (Court Reporter FTR.)Robert Seidel, AUSA on behalf of USA, Larry Woodward, CJA on behalf of Lee Hope Thrasher and Jeffery Swartz, CJA on behalf of Howard Welsh. Detention Hearing as to Howard Welsh, Lee Hope Thrasher held. Detention ordered. Arraignment as to Howard Welsh (1) Count Complaint,1,2-19,20-26,27-49,50,51-58,59-63 and Lee Hope Thrasher (2) Count Complaint,1,2-19,20-26,27-49,50,59-63 held. Defendants waived formal arraignment, defendants plead not guilty, jury demanded, counsel to submit agreed order with minutes cut off date, Jury Trial set for 1/22/2007 11:00 AM in N Courtroom 1 before District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith. By agreement of all parties, speedy trial waived due to complexity of the case. Defts. remanded to USM. (CJA Hours 2:00 - 3:39) (ldab,) (Entered: 07/20/2006)
07/20/2006	ORDER that this matter is a complex case within the meaning of the Speedy Trial Act and further ordering that the period for commencing the trial in this case is extended from September 29, 2006 to January 22, 2007 as to Howard Welsh, Lee Hope Thrasher. Entered and filed 07/20/06 . (Signed by Judge F. Bradford Stillman) copies mailed on 07/20/06. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/20/2006)
07/20/2006	JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND TIME PERIOD FOR TRIAL GIVEN COMPLEX CASEby Howard Welsh, USA, Lee Hope Thrasher. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/20/2006)
07/20/2006	Agreed Discovery Order as to Howard Welsh, entered and filed 07/20/06. (Signed by Judge F. Bradford Stillman) copies mailed on 07/20/06. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/20/2006)
07/20/2006	Agreed Discovery Order as to Lee Hope Thrasher, entered and filed 07/20/06. (Signed by Judge F. Bradford Stillman) copies mailed on 07/20/06. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/20/2006)
07/20/2006	PROTECTIVE ORDER as to Howard Welsh, entered and filed 07/20/06 . (Signed by Judge F. Bradford Stillman) copies mailed on 07/20/06. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/20/2006)
07/20/2006	PROTECTIVE ORDER as to Lee Hope Thrasher, entered and filed 07/20/06 . (Signed by Judge F. Bradford Stillman) copies mailed on 07/20/06. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/20/2006)
07/21/2006	ORDER OF DETENTION as to Howard Welsh, entered and filed 07/21/06 . (Signed by Judge F. Bradford Stillman) copies mailed on 07/21/06, ob. (ldab,) Additional attachment(s) added on 7/24/2006 (ldab,). (Entered: 07/24/2006) SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT TITLED "WELSH DETENTION ORDER"
07/21/2006	ORDER OF DETENTION as to Lee Hope Thrasher, entered and filed 07/21/06 . (Signed by Judge F. Bradford Stillman) copies mailed on 07/24/06, ob. (ldab,) Additional attachment(s) added on 7/24/2006 (ldab,). (Entered: 07/24/2006) SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT TITLED "THRASHER DETENTION ORDER"
7/25/2006	Terminate Hearing as to Howard Welsh, Lee Hope Thrasher: (ldab,) (Entered: 07/25/2006)
7/25/2006	MOTION for Leave of Court to Copy Discovery Materials by Lee Hope Thrasher. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/25/2006)
7/27/2006	MOTION for Leave of Court to Copy Discovery Materials by Howard Welsh.

	(ldab,) (Entered: 07/28/2006)
7/27/2006	RESPONSE to Motion by USA as to Howard Welsh, Lee Hope Thrasher re [25] MOTION for Leave to File, [26] MOTION for Leave to File (ldab,) (Entered: 07/28/2006)
8/02/2006	Government's Receipt for Discovery: Number One by USA as to Lee Hope Thrasher (ldab,) (Entered: 08/04/2006)
8/03/2006	Government's Receipt for Discovery: Number One by USA as to Howard Welsh (ldab,) (Entered: 08/04/2006)
8/08/2006	ORDER directing defendants motions to be filed and served on the United States on or before 09/22/06 and that the United States reply to any motions filed by the defendants, on or before 10/20/06 as to Howard Welsh, Lee Hope Thrasher, entered 08/07/06 and filed 08/08/06 . (Signed by Judge Rebecca Beach Smith) copies mailed on 08/09/06, ob. (ldab,) (Entered: 08/09/2006)
8/08/2006	Motions due by 9/22/2006, Government Response due by 10/20/2006. (ldab,) (Entered: 08/09/2006)
8/18/2006	Government's Receipt for Discovery: Number Two by USA as to Howard Welsh, Lee Hope Thrasher (ldab,) (Entered: 08/21/2006)
9/28/2006	Transportation Order as to Lee Hope Thrasher, entered and filed 09/28/06 . (Signed by Judge F. Bradford Stillman) copies mailed on 09/28/06, ob. (ldab,) (Entered: 09/28/2006)
9/28/2006	Transportation Order as to Howard Welsh, entered and filed 09/28/06 . (Signed by Judge F. Bradford Stillman)copies mailed on 09/28/06, ob. (ldab,) (Entered: 09/28/2006)
10/02/2006	Plea Agreement Hearing as to Lee Hope Thrasher set for 10/23/2006 10:00 AM in N Courtroom 1 before District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith. (ldab,) (Entered: 10/02/2006)
10/02/2006	Plea Agreement Hearing as to Howard Welsh set for 10/23/2006 10:00 AM in N Courtroom 1 before District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith. (ldab,) (Entered: 10/02/2006)
10/06/2006	Terminate Hearing on 10/23/2006 as to Howard Welsh and Lee Hope Thrasher: (ldab,) (Entered: 10/06/2006)
10/06/2006	Plea Agreement Hearing as to Lee Hope Thrasher reset for 10/11/2006 at 3:00 PM in N Courtroom 1 before District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith.
10/06/2006	Plea Agreement Hearing as to Howard Welsh reset for 10/11/2006 at 3:00 PM in N Courtroom 1 before District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith.
10/11/2006	PLEA AGREEMENT HEARING proceedings held before Judge Rebecca Beach Smith : Robert J. Seidel, Jr., AUSA, Joseph E. DePadilla, AUSA, Jeffrey A. Swartz, c.a. counsel, and Tara Lawrence, probation officer, present. Deft. present in custody.Plea Agreement Hearing as to Howard Welsh held on 10/11/2006. Plea entered by Howard Welsh (1) Guilty Count 1,2-3,27. Continued for PSR. Court explained to deft. that by pleading guilty he waived his right of appeal, and waived his right to challenge the conviction, sentence, or the manner in which the conviction or sentence were determined, in any collateral attack, including a motion brought under Title 28:Section 2255. Sentencing set for 2/21/2007, 10:00 AM in N Courtroom 1 before District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith. Deft. remanded. CJA Time: 3:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. (Court Reporter Gloria Smith, OCR.) (mgra) (Entered: 10/11/2006)
10/11/2006	PLEA AGREEMENT as to Howard Welsh, filed in open court. Copies to counsel. (mgra) (Entered: 10/11/2006) SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

	TITLED "PLEA AGREEMENT- WELSH"
10/11/2006	STATEMENT OF FACTS as to Howard Welsh, filed in open court. Copies to counsel. (mgra) (Entered: 10/11/2006) SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT TITLED "STATEMENT OF FACTS - WELSH"
10/11/2006	Sentencing Procedures Order as to Howard Welsh, entered & filed in open court. Signed by Judge Rebecca Beach Smith on October 11, 2006. (mgra) (Entered: 10/11/2006)
10/11/2006	PLEA AGREEMENT HEARING proceedings held before Judge Rebecca Beach Smith : Robert J. Seidel, Jr., AUSA, Joseph E. DePadilla, AUSA, Lawrence H. Woodward, Jr., c.a. counsel, and Tara Lawrence, probation officer, present. Deft. present in custody. Plea Agreement Hearing as to Lee Hope Thrasher held on 10/11/2006. Plea entered by Lee Hope Thrasher (2) Guilty Count 1,2-3. Continued for PSR. Court explained to deft. that by pleading guilty she waived her right of appeal, and waived her right to challenge the conviction, sentence, or the manner in which the conviction or sentence were determined, in any collateral attack, including a motion brought under Title 28:Section 2255. Sentencing set for 2/21/2007, 10:00 AM in N Courtroom 1 before District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith. Deft. remanded. CJA Time: 3:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.(Court Reporter Gloria Smith, OCR.) (mgra) (Entered: 10/11/2006)
10/11/2006	PLEA AGREEMENT as to Lee Hope Thrasher, entered & filed in open court. Copies to counsel. (mgra) (Entered: 10/11/2006) SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT TITLED "PLEA AGREEMENT - THRASHER"
10/11/2006	STATEMENT OF FACTS as to Lee Hope Thrasher, entered & filed in open court. Copies to counsel. (mgra) (Entered: 10/11/2006) SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT TITLED "STATEMENT OF FACTS - THRASHER"
10/11/2006	Sentencing Procedures Order as to Lee Hope Thrasher, entered & filed in open court. Signed by Judge Rebecca Beach Smith on October 11, 2006. (mgra) (Entered: 10/11/2006)
02/06/2007	Motion to Continue Sentencing Hearing as to Howard Welsh and Lee Hope Thrasher
02/06/2007	Order Granting Motion to Continue as to Howard Welsh and Lee Hope Thrasher
02/09/2007	Sentencing Hearing as to Howard Welsh and Lee Hope Thrasher reset for April 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m before District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith.
04/05/2007	Motion to Continue Sentencing Hearing by Howard Welsh and Lee Hope Thrasher.
04/06/2007	Order Granting Motion to Continue Sentencing Hearing as to Howard Welsh and Lee Hope Thrasher.
04/10/2007	Sentencing Hearing as to Howard Welsh and Lee Hope Thrasher reset for July 13, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. before District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith.
06/29/2007	Position on Sentencing by USA as to Howard Welsh, Lee Hope Thrasher (ldab,) (Entered: 07/02/2007)
07/06/2007	Position on Sentencing by Lee Hope Thrasher (ldab,) (Entered: 07/09/2007)
07/06/2007	Position on Sentencing by Howard Welsh (ldab,) (Entered: 07/09/2007)
07/06/2007	SEALED MOTION by Howard Welsh. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/10/2007)

07/09/2007	MOTION to Continue by Howard Welsh. (ldab,) (Entered: 07/09/2007)
07/10/2007	GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT WELSH'S REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE by USA as to Howard Welsh re [47] MOTION to Continue (ldab,) (Entered: 07/10/2007)
07/13/2007	SENTENCING proceedings held before Judge Rebecca Beach Smith: Robert J. Seidel, Jr., AUSA, Blair C. Perez, AUSA, Kevin M. Comstock, AUSA, Jeffrey A. Swartz, court appointed counsel for defendant, Natasha Palmer and Jeffrey Noll, probation officers, present. Defendant present in custody. Sentencing held on 7/13/2007 for Howard Welsh (1), Count(s) 1, Imprisonment: 60 months; Supervised Release: 3 years; Special Assessment: \$100.00; Restitution: \$33,543,153.45 ; Count(s) 2-3, Imprisonment: 60 months as to each count, to be served consecutively to count 1; Supervised Release: 3 years as to each count, to run concurrently to count 1; Special Assessment: \$100.00 for each count; (TOTAL OF 20 YEARS IMPRISONMENT) . Count(s) 20-26, 28-49, 4-19, 50, 51-58, 59-63, Dismissed on motion of the United States; Count(s) 27, Imprisonment: 60 months, to be served consecutively to count 1; Supervised Release: 3 years, to run concurrently to count 1; Special Assessment: \$100.00. Court noted the defendant waived his right of appeal in the plea agreement. Defendant advised of right of appeal. Defendant remanded. CJA Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - 45 minutes for lunch). (Court Reporter Gloria Smith, OCR.) (mgra) (Entered: 07/16/2007)
07/13/2007	Restitution Judgment as to Howard Welsh. Signed by Judge Rebecca Beach Smith on July 13, 2007. Copies mailed with J&C. (mgra) (Entered: 07/16/2007)
07/13/2007	Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Howard Welsh. Signed by Judge Rebecca Beach Smith on July 13, 2007. Copies mailed. (mgra) (Entered: 07/16/2007)
07/13/2007	SENTENCING proceedings held before Judge Rebecca Beach Smith: Robert J. Seidel, Jr., AUSA, Blair C. Perez, AUSA, Kevin M. Comstock, AUSA, Lawrence H. Woodward, Jr., court appointed counsel for defendant, Natasha Palmer and Jeffrey Noll, probation officers, present. Defendant present in custody. Sentencing held on 7/13/2007 for Lee Hope Thrasher (2), Count(s) 1, Imprisonment: 60 months; Supervised Release: 3 years; Special Assessment: \$100.00; Restitution: \$33,543,153.45 ; Count(s) 2-3, Imprisonment: 60 months as to each count, to be served consecutively with count 1 Supervised Release: 3 years as to each count, to run concurrently with count 1; Special Assessment: \$100.00 for each count; (TOTAL OF 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT) . Count(s) 20-26, 27-49, 4-19, 50, 59-63, Dismissed on motion of the United States. Court noted the defendant waived her right of appeal in the plea agreement. Defendant advised of right of appeal. Defendant remanded. CJA Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - 45 minutes for lunch). (Court Reporter Gloria Smith, OCR.) (mgra) (Entered: 07/16/2007)
07/13/2007	Restitution Judgment as to Lee Hope Thrasher. Signed by Judge Rebecca Beach Smith on July 13, 2007. Mailed with J&C. (mgra) (Entered: 07/16/2007)
07/13/2007	Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Lee Hope Thrasher. Signed by Judge Rebecca Beach Smith on July 13, 2007. Copies mailed. (mgra) (Entered: 07/16/2007)